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quake—in expectation or fear of another earthquake. But surely earthquakes are not periodic. As with the wind, so with earthquakes, we hear the sound thereof, but cannot tell whether they come nor whether they go. Earthquakes come like extremely cold or extremely hot days—when they please, so to speak. Certainly the Charleston people do not sit up all night to witness an earthquake. However, their critics would probably do the same if they were there.

Mr. Henderson's Bill.
The *Wag* says that Mr. Henderson's bill, defeated in the House of Representatives last March, had for its object—not the repeal of the tobacco tax, but the object specified in the title as printed by us a day or two ago—namely, "to modify the internal-revenue system," and "for other purposes." These modifications our neighbors say were "to make free the sale of leaf tobacco by farmers, producers, and others; to tax stills which mash five bushels or less per day upon their capacity rather than by the gallon system; to abolish distilleries at such distilleries; to give the benefits of the bonded-warehouse system to fruit distillers; to abolish minimum fines and punishments; to permit the courts to look to the health of prisoners; to prevent the destruction of stills and stilling property by revenue officers; to regulate the issue of warrants in revenue cases, and to repeal the law imposing a tax upon the manufacture of stills."

This explanation only makes it so much the worse for MAHONEY'S Republican associates in Congress. If they will not allow the planter to sell his tobacco to whomsoever he pleases, they will, of course, refuse to take the tax off tobacco.

A Luxury.
The Iowa Democrats are not sound on the internal-revenue question. They are in favor of keeping a tax upon tobacco. Like some of our Republican contemporaries, they profess to consider tobacco a luxury. If it is, it is the poorest man's luxury—his only luxury, we may say. Shall he be denied this?

Where would or could he find a substitute? It is not a luxury only, but it is the most peculiar of luxuries in that its cost to the chowder is next to nothing. The smoker may spend a good deal of money if he will in the purchase of high-priced cigars or even cigarettes, but the chowder of Cavendish cannot use up more than a few cents' worth in a week. It does seem to us to be trifling with the public to class manufactured tobacco with luxuries such as fine wines, silks, Cognac, &c., &c.

All the remarks, whether they be "out," "dunce," "love-all," or any others, have an accent peculiarly and strongly southern. It is strange that the most cultivated people of that section still are so pronounced in what is distinctly a vernacular. Cosmopolitan as many of them are in all else, they cling to their local method of speech as if they were proud of it, as perhaps they are.

"H. J. W. D." thus writes from the White Sulphur. Having resided "away from home" a good many years we have sometimes found ourselves criticizing the Richmond pronunciation of some few words. However, we followed OSCAR WILDE's lecture here with this question in mind and can testify that he did not pronounce a half-dozen words differently from the local mode of pronouncing them. We can say the same as to the address of the Hon. CHARLES H. ALLEN, of Massachusetts in Fredericksburg last January.

Too many Virginians drop their r's as a cockney does his l's or a nobleman his g's (in morning, evening, &c.) They also pronounce "a life," "a rifle," and all such words in a manner authorized by no dictionary we ever examined, though it is exactly the London and Boston pronunciation; but nevertheless they need not fear injuries from any community of English-speaking people in the world.

The New York *World* says to JAY GOULD, by way of a warning, that there is no act that would give greater impetus to the movement now developing, unwise as its purpose is, to sequester such corporations to the public use, under public management, than would an increase of fares on the elevated railroads in that city.

Suppose that the HENRY GOSMAN people could carry out their programme, and buy all railroads, telegraphs, telephones, &c., and turn them over to the National Government or the State governments, what would the capitalists do with the purchase money? Wouldn't it be a curious condition of things if twenty years hence, UNCLE SAM'S debt all being paid off, and all telegraphs, railroads, and telephones under Government management, money should become comparatively useless? Is this impossible? Perhaps it is; but not more certainly impossible than nearly all the schemes now proposed by parties for setting aside the laws of nature.

"H. J. W. D." writes from the White Sulphur to the New York *Times* as follows:

"Out in Colorado when they desire to stay the morning song of the melody, they chuckle they to rock to tail." "H. J. W. D." will read Father Beck's Book of Travels in China he will find that the Chinese thus treated that celebrated traveler's donkey forty years ago.

The World does not seem to us to be trying to harpize the Democratic party when it puts such headings as the following to its report of the proceedings of the Democratic State Convention in Pennsylvania:

"Randall Wins with Ease. Pennsylvania Free Traders Put to Rout Without a Battle."

"The bucket-shops must go." But it seems they don't go.

Willard Snowden has died from injuries received in a sport called "cane rush," at Columbia College, N. Y. He was the son of Rev. E. W. Snowden, rector of St. John's Episcopal church at Fort Hamilton, N. Y.

An Invaluable Remedy.—I have found Salvation Oil an invaluable remedy for chapped hands and I highly recommend it. E. E. FRYER, Painter, 61 Robert street, Baltimore, Md.

Says the Baltimore *American*: "The new Baltimore Cabinet consists of one 'rich' and five 'offs.' The whole

country seems off." Yes; sort of stretched off.

"Senator RUDOLPHER has paid \$100 for the liquor privilege on the Shenandoah fairgrounds, and announces that no liquor shall be sold there at the fair." He is right. "Enough is as good as a feast."

Men and Manners.

As Seen at the White by H. J. W. D.—The Spring, the Laborer, and Our Young Man.

The New York *Times* correspondent, H. J. W. D., still finds food for reflection at the White Sulphur. The following is taken from his letter in yesterday's paper:

"Your first object of interest is the sulphur spring. This is a circular pool of clear water with a greenish tint, surrounded by an Ionic pavilion with twelve columns painted red-gray and marbled. The ceiling is decorated with a pink Venus, who is reclining in a position of contumacious as she rides on a pink ocean in the wooden cradle with out rockers. The only assignable cause for her agony is seemingly an overdose of dried apples followed by a spasmodic indulgence in cold water. She is certainly either ill or badly out of drawing. A mallet boy fishes up four glasses of water from the spring, and you are about to drink one when you stop and consider that the water has an individuality, so to speak; a bouquet that gives you the impression that faith has hovered near and perhaps fallen in. Nevertheless, you drink it, and then sit down with the other devotees of the mineral water to watch the water as it comes out of the spout. It is a great thing if you want 'to get a bit of malaria.' It probably is. No malaria, not even the most vicious and depraved of its kind, could live in a snake or a snake in a snake's water. It would cure the bite of a rattlesnake or the nerves of a prima donna.

Behind the spring the labor problem of the South lies asleep in the sunshine on the grass. He is in several kinds of rags, but he is perfectly happy. He would be equally happy without any clothing at all. All he asks of life is to be allowed to wear rags, be idle, and have enough food of any kind to keep soul and body together. He will not work for any other man any longer than he has to. He has no sense of moral obligation and will not pay his bills when he gets money. This of course refers to the lowest negro class, the great mass of farm slaves and their progeny. He cannot read or write, and would not do so if he could. He is a South. Every southerner here says that the South would be a magnificent country if it had a fair quality of labor, but that no enterprise can be relied on with negro labor to carry it out. A well-known Virginia gentleman has a thousand acres of the finest land in the State, which he has offered to both of his sons but neither will take it, because with the kind of labor available it cannot be profitably conducted. He is a southerner, and he is a white man in the State of Virginia at the present time that negroes, and the latter are increasing the more rapidly. The negro problem is a sinister one to the southerners, and there seems to be no solution for it. Perhaps it is a judgment.

A man comes up to you, and in a timid, almost sneaking way offers you a peach for purchase. He is tall, gaunt, has watery blue eyes and a general look of being a little off his head. He has an old, flaring, black felt hat. His clothing is little better than the negroes. He has a few acres of ground, a few sticks of corn, and a shanty in the woods. He is a southerner, and he is a white man in the State of Virginia at the present time that negroes, and the latter are increasing the more rapidly. The negro problem is a sinister one to the southerners, and there seems to be no solution for it. Perhaps it is a judgment.

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